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[redacted] the Signal Regiment in Tirana (nine-pages), information on the location of anti-aircraft artillery (one-page), on the Krrabe coal mine (one-page) and on the Vranisht Farming cooperative (one-page).

2. [redacted] the farming cooperative in the village of Vranisht was first organized in 1946. Although only Communist families joined the cooperative in the beginning, because of the heavy taxation imposed on non-members, all but five families joined later. [redacted] after the cooperative was formed, the farmers lost all initiative and there was no effort made for more productive work. Living conditions [redacted] were much better before the cooperative was formed.

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PART B! INFO.CHAPTER 1.ARMED FORCES.ARMY.ORDER OF BATTLE.Signal's Regiment.Location.

The Signal's Regiment is stationed in barracks which are located within the city of TIRANA, on the road-way TIRANA - DIBER.

Armament.

The armament of the regiment was Soviet make carbines and pistols.

Transportation means.

2 sedan cars of unknown type.

3 American make

4 type ZISS vehicles.

9 vehicles which had an A/S sign on them, Soviet and German make, type RSFB and LORENC.

40 carts, out of which 30 were two-wheeled and 10 four-wheeled.

12 Motorcycles w/sidecar.

115 mules and 15 swift horses.

Strength.

80 officers.

1000 (approx.) privates.

Training - mission.

The present mission of the regiment is to train Signal privates and N.C.O.s of the Albanian Army.

Organization.

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Organization of the Signal Regiment.

Headquarters of the regiment.

Radio operators battalion.

Telephone operators battalion.

Training battalion for N.C.O.s.

Rear echelon unit, and

Radio repair workshop.

Chief of staff is Servet X H A M A.

The other staff members are 11 officers, 2 N.C.O.s and 2 civilian women typists.

Their names and rank are as follows :

Deputy commander : A captain B! (name unknown).

Commissar : Captain A! Petrit VEBIU.

Operations officer : Lt. Guri (lnu).

Adjutant : A Lt. (name unknown).

Cashier : A Lt. (name unknown).

Personnel & recruiting officer : A second Lt. (name unknown).

Signal officer : A Captain B! (name unknown).

Chief nurse : Lt. Vasil (lnu).

Youth organization officer : Lt. Nesim (lnu).

Recreation officer : Lt. Nesim (lnu).

Armament officer : A Lt. (name unknown).

Party Officer : Captain B! Dhosi (lnu).

RADIO OPERATORS BATTALION.

The radio operators battalion is stationed in the barracks of the Signal Regiment on the roadway TIRANA .. DIBER.

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Armament. Soviet make carbines and pistols of German and Soviet make .

there are about 217 carbines and 17 pistols.

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Radio Operators Battalion (continued).Transportation means.

9 ~~body~~ closed vehicles in which are installed the radio sets.

Strength.

[redacted] 17 officers and 217 privates.

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Training - mission.

The mission of this battalion is to train the men of the Signal Regiment as radio operators.

Organization.

The battalion has a command and 2 Coys.

Battalion commander is a Lt. of unknown name [redacted]

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Deputy commander : Rashit I M A M I, who is a Lt.

Commissar : Lt. Spiro A N D O N I.

Party officer : Lt. Teti (lmu).

1st Coy. Commander is Second Lt. Zylfo N E N E.

Deputy Commander : Lt. Xhenal Y M E R I.

Commissar : Second Lt. Qemal (lmu)

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2 platoon commanders and one adjutant of unknown name and rank [redacted]

The 1st radio operators Coy has 3 platoons of 45 men each. Each platoon has 3 sections of 15 men each. Each section has 3 N.C.O.s, 3 drivers, 6 radio operators and 3 men taking care of the battery charging generator.

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2nd Coy. has 6 officers of unknown name [redacted] the name ^f

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Commissar [redacted] is Second Lt. Veli K O N T I. The 2nd Coy has 3 platoons of 27 men each. Each platoon has 3 sections of 9 men each out of whom 3 are N.C.O.s and 6 are radio operators.

TELEPHONE OPERATORS BATTALION.

Location. The Telephone Operators Battalion is stationed in the barracks of the Signal Regiment in TIRANA.

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Telephone operators battalion (continued)Armament.

Soviet make carbines and pistols of German and Soviet make used by the officers.

Transportation means.

9 closed body vehicles, type GAZ - MOLOTOV.

Strength.

The 1st Coy which usually remains in the barracks has about 100 men and 6 officers.

Organization.

The battalion has its headquarters and 3 Coys.

The 1st Coy is the telephone operators, teletypists and code clerk
Coys

The 2nd & 3rd /are for fixing up telephone lines.

The staff of the telephone operators battalion has 6 officers of unknown name

The telephone operators Coy has 6 officers and about 100 men, has 3 platoons of 3 sections each. Each section has 10 men.

Training Battalion for N.C.O.s of the Signal Regiment.Location.

It is stationed in the barracks of the Signal Regiment in TIRANA.

Armament.

260 carbines and 9 pistols of Soviet and German make.

Transportation means.

None.

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Training Battalion for N.C.O.s (cont) [redacted]

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Strength.

260 privates and 9 officers.

Training - Mission.

The mission of the Battalion is to train privates of the Albanian Army who, after their training courses they become Corporals, Sgt., or M/Sgts.

Organization.

The battalion has its head quarters and 4 platoons. The 3rd platoons have 50 - 60 men each and the 4th has about 80 men.

Commander of the Battalion is Lt. Kase (Inu) .

REAR ECHELON UNIT OF THE SIGNALS REGIMENT.Location.

It is located on the road TIRANA - DIBER, in the barracks of the Signal Regiment.

Armament.

5 pistols and 72 carbines, all soviet and German make, but of unknown type [redacted]

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Transportation means.

2 Sedan cars, of unknown type [redacted] used by the Commander, deputy commander and the Commissar.

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3 American make [redacted]

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4 type ZISS vehicles.

12 Motorcycles w/ side car of unknown type [redacted] but of Soviet make.

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40 Carts out of which 30 are two-wheeled and 10 four-wheeled.

115 mules used for the carts and 15 horses used by the officers.

Strength.

72 privates and 5 officers.

Training - Mission.

Its mission is to supply the units of the Signal Regiment with food, ammunition etc, maintenance of buildings and repair work.

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Rear Echelon Unit (continued)Organization.

The rear echelon unit has various workshops : shoemakers! tailors! cooks! auto ... and cart drivers!. Most of these men are detached to the sub-units of the Signals Regiment.

Commander of the unit is Major Tod BOGDANI

Deputy commander is Captain Vangel KHAXHO.

Radio repair workshop of the Signals Regiment.Location.

The radio repair workshop is in the barracks of the Signals Regiment in TIRANA.

Strength.

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A captain A! of unknown name

6 civilian radio technicians.

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Mission.

Repair of radio sets and other wireless apparatus.

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ARMY EQUIPMENT.Equipment of the Signals Regiment.Radio Sets.

[redacted] 7 of the radio sets used by the Signals Regiment are type R.S.B.F. Soviet make [redacted]

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The radio sets are moved in closed body trucks and belong to the 1st Coy.

The radio operators battalion is using some other radio sets of Soviet make, type R.B.M which are carried by two men.

The second Coy [redacted] has about 40 radio sets. 25X1

Another type of radio set used by the radio operators battalion is the Soviet make, type A.S.H.A.T.A. which has a range of 12 miles and is carried by ~~two~~ one man.

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.Barracks of the Signals Regiment of TIRANA.

The barracks are located in the city of TIRANA on the road of DIBER and BARDHUL, and ~~are~~ consist of the following buildings :

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One 2-story building in the form of a right angle, covered with tiles [redacted]

[redacted] is facing the road of DIBER. Its dimensions are 80X10X6 m. and is sheltering the headquarters, a carpenter's shop, a barber's shop and the privates' mess room.

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.. On the south side of the above building and adjoining half of same there is a one-story building [redacted] covered with glass with dimensions 40X10X4 m. . This building is used as garage and conference room for privates.

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.. A building of same height as that of the headquarters is on the west side of the camp ~~and~~ of the barracks . It is a single story building covered with tiles

[redacted] and it is the ~~base~~ ^{SECRET} of the training battalion for NCOs.

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Barracks of the Signals Regiment of TIRANA (continued)

At a distance of about 5 meters, next to the above building there is another one

[redacted] one-story, covered with tiles and with 40X10X5 m. dimensions. Here is the training place of the privates of the telephone operators' battalion, there is also a mess room for privates, laundry installations, bath rooms, and kitchen, or (cook-house)

Next to the above building is the cinema of the Regiment which is a single-story building, covered with tiles [redacted] with dimensions 50X10X5, 50 m.

On the east side of the garage is the food warehouse [redacted] It is a single-story building covered with tiles, with unknown dimensions.

Behind the building where the headquarters are and at a distance of about 3 meters is the ammunition, clothing and foot wear depot. This is a building [redacted]

[redacted] is one-story, covered with tiles and has 130X10X4 m. dimensions & telephone

On the east side of the above building is the radio/repair workshop. It is about 4 meters far from it [redacted]. It is single-story, covered with tiles and of 20X10X3 m. dimensions.

15 meters behind the above building and on its north side there is a 2-story house, covered with tiles [redacted] of 25X10X6 m. dimensions. In this house is the dispensary, the tailors' and the shoemakers' shop.

A building which is on the east side of the camp [redacted] 150X12X4 m dimensions and covered with zinc plates is the barrack of the privates of the telephone and radio operators' battalion.

A 3 meter high wall is built around the camp where the barracks are. There is a gate on the south side of the camp facing the road of DIBER. Next to the gate there is a house of 8X4X2 m. dimensions for the sentries. There are 7 permanent sentries guarding the barracks, and there are 7 permanent sentry boxes before the building of the headquarters, before the food warehouse, the ammunition depot, the command of the battalion, the cinema, and before the flag which is on the north-east side of the camp of the barracks. The guard is the same day and night.

Electricity and water is conducted to the barracks from TIRANA [redacted]

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CHAPTER 3.

FORTIFICATIONS.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE.

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Location of A.A. Artillery.

At the South-West foot of mountain DATTI (between the dry bed streams - DL 070790- and DL 084766 - and about 200 meters west of the road TIRANA - DIBER) at place about (DL 070770) there are some 6 A.A. Artillery guns placed in semi-circular form.

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The area where the A.A. artillery is located is surrounded with barbed wire.

Location of A.A. Artillery Gun - Searchlight.

On top of hill (C L 976804) north of INSTITUTI QIRIA (C L 980710) there is an A.A. Artillery gun and a searchlight.

The Artillery gun is right on the top of the hill and the searchlight 10 meters down on the south slope of the hill.

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on the slope of the KAMZE (C L 950810) ridge there is a single - story house, covered with tiles and with 10X3,50X4 m. dimensions, which shelters a military unit of unknown strength stationing there.

There is no wire fence around this location. a sentry standing in the space between the A.A. Artillery gun and the searchlight.

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INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION.STATE ORGANIZATION & ADMIN.EDUCATION.7-year school in village VRANISHTI.

There is a 7-year primary school in VRANISHTI to which go the students of the village and also students from villages PILUR (D L 930016) and BICKE (D L 914010). Total number of students is 350 -400, and the teaching staff is 8 teachers. Education is compulsory and free of charge.

RELIGION.Village VRANISHTI.

The population of village VRANISHTI is Moslem. The villagers have a hoxha (moslem priest) and used to have a mosque also, but today they don't, because the communist regime turned the mosque into a library in 1950, and cannot, therefore, exercise their religious duties.

CHAPTER 5.ECONOMIC SITUATION.FARMING.Farming Cooperative of VRANISHTI.

Farming cooperative in village VRANISHTI was first organized in 1946. In the beginning only communist families became members, later, however, because of the very heavy taxation imposed all but 5 families (KULAKS) participated.

living conditions of the villagers before cooperative was imposed were much better because the villagers were exploiting their fields according to the needs presented. Freedom of work and action gave them the possibility of more and better production to improve their living conditions in general. Unfortunately after cooperative was imposed all sort of initiative and every movement for a more productive work died out. The villagers today live on the very low salaries they get on basis

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Farming Cooperative in VRANISHTE (con

Chief crops of the area of village VRANISHTE are, sugar beets, corn and potatoes.

before col-
lectivization production was not only enough for the needs of the population but
there was a surpluss for export.

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I N D U S T R Y.Underground Raw Material.Lignite Mines.

There are lignite mines in KRRABE E VGE^OL (D L 198624).

Equipment of mines.

5 Air compressors of Soviet make but of unknown type.

21 Pneumatic hammers " " " " "

Tunnels -- description.

There are 3 tunnels in the a/m. lignite mine , 4.000 meters long , 2 m. wide and
2.50 m. wide. The tunnels are covered with boards supported with props.

Number of miners -- Living conditions.

There are approximately 500 miners, and all of them come from free Albanian citizen.
Their daily salary is 130 - 150 Lek. Besides the salary one litre of milk per day
is given to the miners who work in the tunnels. They buy their daily food themselves

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Transportation of the Lignite.

Lignite is transported on type SKODA vehicles to TIRANA.

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Manager of the mine is Niko TASHKO from KORCE,

Assistant Manager is Izet MEMO, from KORCE,

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GEOGRAPHIC SITUATION.

INFO. ON TOWNS & VILLAGES.

Village VRANISHTI.

Village VRANISHTI has about 150 houses and 850 inhabitants, all Moslem.

Electricity is used in the village, produced by a small power plant.

Water they get from natural sources and fountains.

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